

Good Evening, Everybody:

The public eye today was focused quite a bit on aviation. For instance there is General Balbo, Mussolini's Air Minister, who is still marooned, beard and all, ^{up there} in Northern Ireland with his armada of twenty-four giant planes bound across the North Atlantic. A message received by Mackay radio informs me that a dense pea soup fog still hovers over those parts. But General Balbo has his flyers standing by, ready for an immediate hop to Iceland. A wireless from London informs me that Premier Mussolini telephoned to General Balbo early this morning urging him not to take ~~unnecessary~~ unnecessary chances just for the sake of making a grand stand display. *Balbo announces he'll start at 1 a.m. this morning.*

Then we come to James and Amy Mollison. Of course, you remember Capt. Jim Mollison who made that spectacular solo flight westward last year. His wife before her marriage was the spectacular flyer, Amy Johnson. Well,

they are planning to take off at about noon tomorrow, Eastern Daylight Time, from London ^{bound} for New York.

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for this flight. He has tested out a new nine cylinder seven hundred horse power Wright Cyclone Engine which has been installed in his low-wing two-place Lockheed monoplane, the machine in which he plans to make the trip. Mrs. Lindbergh will accompany him and help him ~~in~~ ~~collecting~~ the technical information and photographs. ~~for the company.~~ Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh may extend their trip from Greenland to Iceland. The purpose of the flight is to determine the most suitable sites for airports and also the type of planes best suited to local conditions on this northern route to Europe. The Lindberghs will probably start off in two or three weeks.



N.B.C.

BANKS

For quite a while interesting rumors have been current concerning Henry Ford and Wall Street. Mr. Ford's antagonism to Wall Street is no secret. He has several times openly and cheerfully thrown down the gauntlet to the banking world.

An announcement was made in Washington today ~~concerning~~ a motion by Senator Fletcher of Florida, chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency, ~~has been okayed~~. This motion ~~is an instrument~~ an instruction to Ferdinand Pecora, counsel to the Committee in its banking investigation, to look into the question whether the banking crisis precipitated in Michigan during the latter part of ^{February} ~~April~~, was due to an attempt on the part of Wall Street to get Henry Ford. Well, such an investigation might make a good show but serious doubts are expressed in Washington's official circles ^{as to} whether the Committee has authority ^{even} to go into this question.

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CONFERENCE

Now for a bit of news that may sound astonishing. It comes from London, and it says that ^{the} World Economic Conference is still alive. ^{that} But the boys ^(the docs - are using) are ~~certainly getting~~ the old pulmotor ^{in order} ~~to work~~ to keep it alive.

Accounts of its activities were a bit conflicting for a while ^{today}. The earliest wireless report I received ~~today~~ carried the information that for the first time in two days Uncle Sam's delegates came out from the session of the Steering Committee with broad grins on their faces. The announcement then made was that the Steering Committee had decided not to adjourn the conference, but to hold another session Thursday.

From later advices we learn that a keen fight is being made by Secretary of State Cordell Hull and other spokesmen of Uncle Sam to save the life of the conference.

Mr. Hull requested a postponement of the meeting of the Steering Committee. In fact, the entire U.S. ~~E~~ delegation is resisting the idea ~~of~~ adjournment. On the other ^r hand, the gold standard countries are still sore from the spanking they received

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yesterday from President Roosevelt, and are clamoring for an immediate break-up of the conference. That is, unless Uncle Sam makes some concession, some compromise, of Mr. Roosevelt's forthright attitude on stabilization of the dollar.

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One observer put it that John Bull was floating indecisively in the Gulf Stream between the European continent and America. In other ⁿ words, old John Bull is on the fence, and, ~~being~~ as usual, exceedingly cagey.

At any rate, that World Economic Conference is still alive, even if it ^{is} gasping in the oxygen tent.

N.B.C.

CAESAR

Sometimes it's interesting to see ourselves as other countries see us. An article in the Sunday Observer of London, ~~England,~~ contains an interesting analysis of the achievements of Mr. Roosevelt since he ascended the throne. The Observer's Washington correspondent accurately described ^{Mr. Franklin D -} ~~the President,~~ as having enough powers to make him the most powerful peace-time President in American history. After enumerating the extraordinary powers Congress has donated to the President, the Observer says - "A Caesar in a democracy indeed."

At the time the article was written, Mr. Roosevelt was still on his vacation, and the Observer's correspondent goes on to say: "Caesar is now yachting in northern seas. He is undoubtedly feeling satisfied with his first spell at the White House. The time is opportune to revise his measures. In international affairs he has the gestures and the promptitude ^{and the} ~~the~~ sense of responsibility in and for great moments. At home he is the politician plus the social ~~planner.~~ He is more conservative than the legislation that has been

put through in his name. He has the genius for the right word, the right time to act, and the right men to pick." And the article goes on to say: "Mr. Roosevelt's two main achievements are the Farm Act and the National Industrial Recovery Act." And it concludes by saying: "American industry in general is surprisingly optimistic of its future with the government as partner."

London Sunday Observer.

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he whom London calls
As for [^]"Caesar"; the President and Mrs. Roosevelt spent

Independence Day aboard our new cruiser Indianapolis which was anchored in Chesapeake Bay right ⁵⁷⁸~~outside of~~ Uncle Sam's Naval Academy. Mrs. Roosevelt with a few personal friends who had been overnight guests at the White House, joined the President for luncheon aboard the cruiser.

An announcement from the White House states that the President will return to the capital either late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

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Meanwhile Colonel Marvin MacIntyre, ~~xxx~~ one of the presidential secretaries, arrived at Annapolis accompanied by two fat briefcases full of papers for the President to sign. One of the first bits of business for Mr. Roosevelt to decide tomorrow will be that of the Cotton Textile code, ~~the~~ the first industrial code to be offered to the administrator of the National Recovery Act. Of that we shall undoubtedly hear more tomorrow.

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BORAH

Here's news about Senator Borah of Idaho. When the operation upon the distinguished gentleman was first performed at Johns Hopkins, the public was given to understand that it had been eminently ^{successful} ~~satisfactory~~ and that his condition was satisfactory. Later on information of ^{a different} ~~an additional~~ nature came out and we learned that Mr. Borah was in a critical condition. Today the news from Johns Hopkins is that he has ^{passed} ~~got over~~ the crisis and is resting comfortably and seems definitely on the road to recovery.

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MINE WAR

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Another war has broken out, or strictly speaking, a revival of a war that we thought was finished. I mean the miners' war in Illinois. For the last two weeks one bomb explosion after another has terrified the inhabitants of Springfield, the capital of the state. The eighth occurred today.

As a result of this, Springfield is being patrolled by Khaki clad troopers of the Illinois National Guard. Chief of Police ^h ~~Nuess~~ ^{Noose} told me by telephone this afternoon that he had asked the Governor to send the troops to help his coppers maintain order right under the shadow of the state capitol.

The city is not under martial law, but the residential district is being patrolled by the National Guardsmen. In spite of the eight bombings the police ^{chief} told me there have been no casualties.

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BASEBALL

This, of course, is the big mid-season day for baseball fans. Not only because there are double-headers most everywhere, but because, as you know, the popular superstition is: "The team that's in the lead July Fourth is the team that wins the pennant."

As a matter of fact, for a sporting superstition this is usually and astonishingly true. But sometimes it's spectacularly otherwise. Do you remember the summer of 1914 when on the Fourth of July the Boston Braves were way down in the cellar? Well what happened to the Boston Braves in 1914? Answer: They climbed up and won the pennant and what is more they won the World's Series. So there you are.

In the National League, as every fan knows, the New York Giants this morning had a handsome lead of six ^{full games} ~~games~~ _{gains} over the St. Louis Cardinals. Of course, that is due largely to that sensational double header on Sunday afternoon when Carl Hubbell of the Giants pitched shut-out ball for eighteen solid innings in the first game, and the Giants won by one of those old time scores of one to nothing. When Roy Parmelee followed this up by

pitching another one to nothing shut-out game for the Giants in semi-darkness, that seemed definitely to establish the Giants' superiority to their nearest rivals, the Cardinals^{5.}. So today's games ^{were} ~~are~~ not so important in the National League. Win, lose or draw, the Giants are still in the lead.

~~But~~ The most interesting situation today is in the American League. For the first couple of months New York Yankees looked like comfortable winners even though they had considerable difficulty beating their inveterate enemies, the Washington Senators. Well, as every fan knows, a couple of weeks ago the Senators bounced ~~the Babe~~ Ruth and his team mates out of first place, and early this afternoon Washington had a lead of half a ~~game~~ ^{game} over New York. Just to make things more exciting the Senators and Yanks completed a double-header at the Yankee Stadium this afternoon. Let's see ^{what} those results ^{were!} -- a tremendous lot depends ^{ed} on that double-header.

Ah, here they are: Washington won the first game 6 to 5 and the second 3 to 2. Ha, ha, that gives the Senators ~~2~~ a lead of $2\frac{1}{2}$ games over the Yanks. Well, well.

YOUTH

How would you gauge the youth or age of a city?

This may sound to you like a trivial question, but evidently it is not because it has been occupying the attention of the statisticians of no less an institution than the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

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How old, now, is Rome? We know it is the world's most ancient city. But the insurance figure sharks have discovered that it has one of the youngest populations. On the other hand there is Los Angeles, surely one of the youngest large cities in the world. Some 50 years ago Los Angeles was not more than what the Mexicans and Californios called a pueblo. But the statistical sharks tell us that ^{actuarially speaking} ~~actually~~ Los Angeles is one of the oldest cities in the world. There are more old people there than anywhere else.

The most youthful city of all is Tokio, Japan. New York again is a youthful city - even younger from the life insurance point of view than Chicago.

Dr. E. E. Free in "The Week's Science" reports that the oldest city of all in the world is Berlin, Germany, next

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Vienna, and next comes our own Los Angeles. London, Paris and Philadelphia follow closely.

A study of this subject must be a companion to that famous ~~old question~~ ^{one!} "How old is Ann?"
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The Week's Science.

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Can you imagine the united forces of the law in a large city concentrating on the search for one, just one, forty-five calibre revolver? That is what is happening in Chicago today, and it is not because the revolver is wanted as evidence in a criminal trial.

The weapon in question was stolen from the North Dakota exhibit in the World's Fair. It is owned by the sovereign state of North Dakota, and was loaned to the Century of Progress Exposition. The thing that makes it interesting is that it once was the property of a young man named Theodore Roosevelt, a young rancher at Medora, North Dakota.

The revolver was stolen from the North Dakota building. A reward has been offered and Chicago cops announce there will be no questions asked.

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LION

If you notice a rumbling of the earth after I've told the following true story, you will know that it means Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett are turning over in their graves. The scene of the tale is San Jose, California. Late last night the telephone at police headquarters rang and an excited citizen exclaimed that a mountain lion was prowling and growling around the streets of San Jose. The desk sergeant was skeptical and sent out a patrolman. The patrolman took a look and then took a long jump and ran back to headquarters exclaiming that it was true.

Well, it took two police cars equipped with radio and ~~XXX~~ manned by four armed gendarmes to get that lion. He was a sizeable brute six feet long and weighing a hundred and fifty pounds. When you consider that it took four coppers with rifles and shotguns to get one mountain lion, you may well ~~XXX~~ say, Shades of Davy Crockett, ~~just as I'm going to say~~

~~SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW~~

KIDNAP

Here's a story that recalls one of the most amusing of O. Henry's yarns. You remember the tale of the two bad men who kidnapped a small boy and then wrote to his father asking for ransom. The father, as you will find if you care to look it up, replied by asking the kidnapers how much they would pay him to take the boy back. By the time the kidnapers received that reply they realized what it meant. ^{was such a little fellow and} For the boy ^{bad men} had run those ~~kidnapers~~ so ragged that in the long run they returned the boy plus five hundred dollars *Bonus.*

Well, something like that occurred today in San Francisco. A man of some substance at the Golden Gate, a printing plant superintendent, had been estranged from his wife for some time. The custody of his two small sons had been given to the lady. On the eve of Independence Day the husband decided that July Fourth was not July Fourth without his ~~fff*fff~~ offspring. So he barged into his wife's apartment, grabbed the offspring and made off with them.

The kidnapping was successful so far, but when he got those kids to his own apartment it was just too bad. All they did

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was ~~to~~ howl to go back to their mama. At the risk of seeming to be unflattering to the lady, I must add that it not merely was mama they were howling for, it was the fireworks which papa had neglected to kidnap at the same time he kidnapped the boys.

Well papa argued and tried to cajole the boys, but the youngsters continued to howl. So while the police were searching for him papa took the boys back to mama's house in despair.

The upshot of it all was, the husband and wife were reconciled, and they all went out to a Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display at the beach, *just as I'm going to do now — and s-l-u-t-m.*

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